

Mining News of the Great Southwest

NEW COURTHOUSE FOR CARRIZO

Clovis Contractors Secure Contract—Work Starts on New Church.

Carrizozo, N. M., March 14.—The contract for the erection of the \$30,000 jail and court house to be erected here has been awarded to Beeth, Bechtel & Co., contractors of Clovis, and the work will be started soon.

If present plans carry, Carrizozo will soon have a sewerage system. The chamber of commerce has met and appointed a committee of permanent business men to go to El Paso and confer with the officials of the E. P. & S. W. to see if an arrangement can be made for the city to connect with the company's large sewerage system at this point.

A force of men is here from El Paso overhauling the ice plant and installing new machinery, and the management states that it will be prepared to manufacture ice this season.

Work has been started on the new Baptist church which will be erected at a cost of about \$7000. The contract calls for completion April 15.

A meeting will be held here tonight for the purpose of organizing a baseball team. Carrizozo has sufficient material for a fast team.

Engineer T. F. Blount has been transferred from El Paso to Carrizozo and is assigned to an engine between here and Duran.

Machinist Chas. Bell and wife are spending a few days in El Paso. Hostler Jerry Kelley is laying off for ten days and visiting in Vaughn, N. M.

Mrs. J. E. Tompkins, wife of engineer Tompkins, is here from Tucuman.

Engineer C. S. Jones and wife are spending a few days in the Pass city. Car repairer L. I. Cavender has returned from a several days' stay at Tecolote.

The bridge and building department of the Southwestern is here today with a force of men to go up the Capitan branch to repair a bridge which was destroyed by fire lately.

COURT IN SESSION AT PORTALES; CITIZENS BUSY.

Portales, N. M., March 14.—The Presbyterians are holding rehearsal of "The Old Maid's Convention," the Methodist women serving outdoor lunches in the courthouse yard, and the Baptist women are at work on "The District School."

Court is in session and things are lively around the courthouse. The Commercial club is in session practically all the time, for there is a continual call from the farmers for information. The girls' Portales basketball team went to Clovis Saturday to play, and in the evening the members representing the literary societies of the Portales High school contested for the championship with the winners of the Clovis High school debates.

The outlook for a good fruit crop is favorable.

STRYCHNINE POISON FOUND IN BUTCHERED MEAT ON MARFA RANCH

Meat Is Given to Dog and It Dies From the Effects. Poison Is Also Found in Stock Salt.

Marfa, Tex., March 14.—An attempt at wholesale poisoning was recently discovered at the Cleveland ranch near Marfa. By accident, a quantity of meat which had been butchered and salted down was found to contain poison. The discovery was made by D. L. James, who gave some of the meat to the ranch dogs, one of which died and the others were made violently sick. He brought a piece of the meat to a local physician at Marfa, for examination, who pronounced it poisoned with strychnine. A large quantity of salt kept at the ranch for stock purposes was later examined and found to contain the same kind of poison. An attempt is being made to locate the perpetrators, but no clue has yet been found.

Messrs. P. A. Humble and L. V. Humble came in from Balmorhea, Tex.,

NEGRESS CAUSES TROUBLE IN ALPINE

Officer Strikes Her With a Gun, He Says—Frost Damages Trees.

Alpine, Texas, March 14.—Aron Butler, a negress, began raising a disturbance in the Mexican part of town Sunday and when approached by deputy sheriff Eura Phelps, she is said to have become very abusive to him and attempted to secure a pistol, which she had been flourishing earlier in the day. According to Phelps, he saw the movement and sprang in between her and the gun whereupon she picked up a pickle bottle, filled with rice, and struck the officer over the head with it, cutting several deep gashes. It finally became necessary for him, he says, to draw his pistol and strike her several blows on the head before she could be subdued. She was locked up in jail.

Frost killed quite a lot of young fruit which had begun to bud out. There still remain a great many trees which have not bloomed, and unless another late freeze comes, there will be quite a lot of fruit this year.

Judge W. Van Sickle has returned from east Texas, where he was called on account of the illness of his father.

Wm. Baines, a former Alpine boy, now traveling for a St. Louis wholesale house, was a visitor in town recently.

Roscoe Pafford has purchased several lots on the east side of town where he has erected a two-story house.

Valentine recently.

Gordon Holloway and Alex Smith were visiting in Marfa this week.

recently. They left for the Candelaria hot springs for a several months' sojourn.

P. D. Anderson, of the Marfa Realty company, has returned from a trip to New Orleans and Memphis, and a visit to his parents at Oxford, Miss.

Sheriff M. B. Chastain left recently for Marlin, Tex., to take treatment for rheumatism at the hot wells.

Rev. B. W. Allen of Marfa held services at the Methodist church at Fort Davis Sunday.

Mrs. R. A. Kyle, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is rapidly recovering.

The bids to carry the United States mail from Marfa to Shafter and Fort Davis, have been rejected by the government, the second time.

Mrs. J. H. Hamilton is convalescing from a two weeks' serious illness. Chas. Bishop has purchased lots in Marfa and will erect a neat cottage.

J. J. Terrell, of Austin, has been in Marfa several days looking up land interests. He is being assisted by field land agent Coleman of Alpine.

J. W. Tyler is here from the ranch.

SWEETWATER TO HAVE CREAMERY

Land Near City Sells for \$20,800—Special Election Is Called.

Sweetwater, Texas, March 14.—J. W. Quinn, of Elgin, Ill., who has been here several days, has submitted a definite proposition to the Sweetwater people regarding a creamery and ice cream factory. The proposition was accepted, and the citizens subscribed \$6000 stock to secure the plant.

G. V. Woodruff and J. M. Shepherd have bought a section and a half of land from T. L. Hughes and L. Aycock, for the consideration of \$20,000. The land is located near the city limits, and will be valuable for residence property in the near future.

Prof. E. A. Davidson, of Bay City, has arrived here to reorganize and direct the band of Sweetwater. A local play was presented at the opera house recently for the purpose of securing funds to aid in the project, when \$60 was realized.

It is ordered by mayor S. D. Meyers that an election be held for aldermen on April 5. H. C. Hughes has been appointed presiding officer.

The officers of the West Texas Cattle Raisers' association, which met here recently, are: President, Eugene Clark, of Scurry county; first vice president, Theo. Trammell, of Sweetwater; second vice president, D. N. Arnett, of Mitchell county; treasurer, B. N. Aycock, of Crane county; secretary, T. L. Hughes, of Sweetwater. The object of the organization is to carefully guard all the interests of the stock raisers and to promote a cooperation among the cattle raisers of West Texas.

S. S. Moise, of the Moise Bros. company, who has spent the past 10 days in St. Louis, has returned.

Hon. Lucas Romo, judge of the probate court, has been holding the regular session of the court.

Joaquin V. Gallegos, formerly of Coahuila, this county, is arranging to open a general merchandise store within the next few days. This will give Santa Rosa six general mercantile stores, and one of the largest wholesale mercantile houses in eastern New Mexico.

Gabriel J. Courty, merchant, has returned from a business trip to St. Louis. H. B. Jones, the banker, left for a business trip to various points in Texas. He will return by way of El Paso, where Mrs. Jones and little son have been spending the last few weeks.

Hon. Jas. D. Hand and A. A. Jones, of Las Vegas, with a party of capitalists from the east, who are interested in local irrigation projects, have been spending the week in the county.

A camp of the Modern Woodmen of America was instituted here by E. C. Pollard, organizer for eastern New Mexico. The following officers were elected and installed: Past consul, J. E. Compton; consul, C. E. McGinnis; adviser, B. Lucero; secretary, Guy G. Doty; banker, Felipe Sanchez; Bacant, J. W. Compton; watchman, Lead. Sena; guard, Ignacio Sena; board of managers, C. H. Stearns, Geo. H. Smith, Jr., and F. D. Crespin. The consul appointed A. A. Tipton chief of the new lodge, the first in Santa Rosa, starts with a membership of 25.

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C. H. Stearns and Manuel Gallegos, who spent several days on a business trip to the southern part of the county, have returned.

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Mrs. Lonnie Gostin has gone to join her husband at Escondido, N. M. H. W. Crouch has gone to Black Lake. L. Kennedy was in from his ranch recently.

Frank Rector and Earl Converse have returned to their farms.

Mrs. Martin May has returned to Carrizozo, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Al. Grey.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogue and children are here from Palomas Hot Springs, en route to their home at Eagle Creek, N. M.

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Little Rexie Bourne is here from Carrizozo, visiting C. C. Bourne and family. His father, W. S. Bourne, accompanied him this far and then went on to El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Watt Gilmore are selling out their household goods. They expect to go to the V V ranch to spend the summer.

NEW SETTLERS IN OBAR COUNTRY

Well for Irrigation Is Being Put Down—Antelope Plentiful.

Obar, N. M., March 14.—The spring movement of investors has set in. H. A. Jones, of Cairo, Ill., representing a bunch of capitalists in southern Illinois, has just closed a deal for 80 acres adjoining Obar, and has taken options on several hundred city lots, for himself and associates. He will move his family here at once and go into business.

P. B. Keith, of Winchester, Tenn., has bought a farm near Obar.

E. W. Rohrer, of Akron, Ohio, has bought a quarter section east of Obar.

W. H. Doerge, of Joplin, Mo., has bought a quarter section in the Missouri valley, near Obar.

J. A. Clona, a wholesale coal dealer of Joplin, Mo., bought a quarter section east of Obar.

Emmett Rohrer, of Akron, Ohio, was here recently, visiting his old friend, L. L. Kleinfelder.

Ewing Rogers and family have gone to Richmond, Wis., for a visit.

The great branch of promise case, "St. Hopkins" vs. the "Yellow Kid," was decided in favor of the Kid at the Literary society.

Other farmers are agitating the matter of holding farmers' experience meetings.

C. H. Parker is drilling a well for Frank Mears. Mr. Mears will pipe the water to the house and barns, and will also irrigate his orchard.

Claude Durham has set out an orchard and also planted 500 black locust shade trees. He will put down a well soon. He is adding more cows to his dairy herd.

Coleman McClain has moved to his claim east of Obar.

John Dennerline and wife are back from a visit in Oklahoma.

Warren Piper has just completed plowing 30 acres of new land.

Much interest is taken by Obar farmers in the demonstration farm at Tucuman.

Martin Hirschberger has gone to Omaha, Neb.

Riley R. Carier is back on his claim, after a leave of absence. Wm. Carter is a printer. He served in the navy during the Spanish war, and printed a weekly paper on board the flagship.

Mr. Rash conducts a weekly class in domestic science on her claim in Missouri valley.

The Sho wMe club will have a grand "blowout" on St. Patrick's day.

Antelope are getting quite plentiful and tame in the hills along the Southern Canadian river. Large herds may be seen almost any day.

SANTA ROSA BANK INCREASES STOCK

Woodmen of America Organize Camp—Santa Rosa News Notes.

Santa Rosa, N. M., March 14.—The capital stock of the First National bank has been increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The bank recently paid a special dividend of 100 percent on its original capital of \$25,000.

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VALENTINE TO HAVE CLEANUP

Reign of Tin Cans Is to Be Brought to Close—New Settlers Locate.

Valentine, Tex., March 14.—Like many little towns situated in an arid region where fruits and vegetables are very little grown, the people of Valentine have lived principally from tin cans. The town is now practically ruled by them. But their reign is declining, for the Valentine Improvement club has decreed that all cans, henceforth and forever, shall be abolished from Valentine and that her streets shall be kept clean.

A petition to this effect is now in circulation whereby each person is asked to contribute a small amount that the town may be thoroughly cleaned.

Again every property owner will be asked to pledge a small sum each month in order to maintain a workman whose duty shall be to keep all rubbish removed from the "city limits."

Hence "a better and cleaner town" is Valentine's watchword.

The G. H. & S. A. railway will install a new pumping plant, using an eight inch pipe for water column. This will double the present capacity for pumping.

Dr. R. M. Vick has received a shipment of seeds from Austin to be used in experiments this summer. He will give special attention to the growing of peanuts and sugar beets.

Realty Transfers.

W. T. Jones and C. A. Finley have purchased the Bunton ranch, located in the southern part of the county.

M. O. Walling has sold his section of land north of town to G. Loo of Alexandria, Minn. The section belonging to J. W. Newlin was also sold to Mr. Loo through Lester S. Smith.

James & Finley have sold four cars of yearlings to M. F. Perkins of Williams, Ariz.

G. G. Medley is on the river buying odd bunches of cattle.

New Wells Put Down.

T. P. Garrett, who is drilling a well on the Hitters ranch, was in for supplies yesterday. He states the well is deep and there is no water in sight.

W. L. Cass, while drilling a well on the Jackson and Harmon ranch, broke his machine. The necessary fixtures were ordered at once from El Paso and will begin again soon.

The program given by the home mission society in the union church was a success.

Personal Mention.

Tom and Paul Moore have gone to Williams, Ariz., where they will seek employment.

Miss Nellie Steel has returned to her home in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Tom Snyder and children, accompanied by M. E. Steel were recent Valentine visitors.

J. J. Terrell, of Austin, and J. Coleman of Alpine, are guests at the home of L. D. Louthan.

H. Bridges of Roby, Texas, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harris.

Miss Laura Cass, of Ft. Worth, is visiting at the home of W. L. Cass, near Valentine.

J. Z. Means has gone to attend the Cattle Raisers' convention.

M. O. Walling, agent for the G. H. & S. A., has been confined to his home a few days on account of grip.

Miss Laura Prince and brother, Richard, of the Kelly ranch, were in Valentine recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Davis of Ft. Davis, passed through Valentine en route to Van Horn, where they will visit Mrs. Davis's mother, Mrs. T. Grubbs.

Mrs. Lee Meador is in El Paso. Capt. J. B. Gillette was a recent Valentine visitor.

Knox Williams of Pleasant Valley was in Valentine recently.

Leonard Bee, who was operated on at Hotel Eden in El Paso for appendicitis, is reported doing nicely.

B. E. Bee has returned from El Paso. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Price of the "Holland range," were recent Valentine visitors.

KENTUCKY MEN PURCHASE RANCH NEAR ESTANCIA

Last Homestead Near That Town Is Taken Up—Ranching Era Are Planned—Estancia News.

Estancia, N. M., March 14.—Dr. G. S. McDonald, Dr. Smith, a dentist, and Sheriff James Sizeman of Lee county, all of Beattyville, Ky., are looking over the valley. The two doctors have purchased the Goldston ranch near town.

H. L. Bainum, of the Leader store, is suffering from a bad case of erysipelas on his left arm.

William King, residing near Tajique, has planted a patch of corn for early roasting ears.

J. I. Weaver and family, who have been in Alamogordo for several months, have returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Miller, of Linkville, Mo., are visiting Mrs. M. M. Olive and other relatives.

Johnson Pence, of Albuquerque, is spending a few days with his family residing near Estancia.

Wm. Eads, has filed on a homestead of 40 acres, four and one half miles northwest of town. This was the last vacant land in that part of the country.

Jno. Pope, of Alamogordo, was here looking after his ranch, preparatory to moving his family on it.

Mayor I. H. Vanstone is spending a few days in Santa Fe.

W. W. Norman, one of Estancia's most prosperous farmers, died from pneumonia.

The English Manufacturing company has shipped a car of lumber to Kansas City.

L. L. Kelley, who has been working at Coyote, N. M., has returned to tancia.

VAUGHN NEWS NOTES.

Vaughn, N. M., March 14.—Father Hatterman, of Puerto de Luna, N. M., conducted a class here recently.

Rev. T. T. Talley is holding an interesting meeting at the Baptist church. He is being assisted by Rev. P. N. Longfellow, of Roswell.

S. W. Norvell, bank examiner for New Mexico, was here recently.

A dance was given by the young people recently at the new Masonic hall.

FOR S.S.S. RHEUMATISM

Rheumatism is in reality an internal inflammation; a diseased condition of the blood cells which supply the nourishment and strength necessary to sustain our bodies. The disease is caused by an excess of uric acid in the blood, which comes from indigestion, weak kidneys, constipation, and other irregularities of the system. This uric acid produces an inflamed and acid condition of the blood, and the circulation, instead of nourishing the different portions of the body, continually deposits into the muscles, nerves, joints and bones, the irritating and pain-producing acid with which it is filled. Then follow the painful and torturing symptoms of Rheumatism. We do not claim for S. S. S. that it is anything more than a first class blood purifier, and that is just what is needed to cure Rheumatism. S. S. S. goes into the circulation, and by neutralizing the uric acid and driving it from the blood, effectually and surely removes the cause of Rheumatism. S. S. S. strengthens and invigorates the blood so that instead of a weak, sour stream, causing pain and agony throughout the system, it becomes an invigorating, nourishing fluid, furnishing health and vigor to every portion of the body, and permanently relieving the suffering caused by Rheumatism. S. S. S. is purely vegetable and will not injure the most delicate system. Book on Rheumatism and any medical advice free to all who write.

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REAL ESTATE MEN TO HOLD CONVENTION

Dealers in San Juan County to Meet at Aztec Wednesday.

Farmington, N. M., March 14.—A call signed by every real estate dealer of San Juan county, has been issued for a convention of realty dealers of the county, to meet at Aztec, on Wednesday, March 16.

The objects of the meeting are both social and business. The county's boosters hope thus to become better acquainted and a general spirit of good-fellowship promoted. How best to advertise and exploit the resources of the county will be among the topics discussed.

HARRY NORMAN HAS A TOWN NAMED IN HIS HONOR

It Is in Fisher County, a Few Miles Out of Roby on the Estacado and Gulf Road.

Roby, Tex., March 14.—W. A. Butts, president of the Estacado & Gulf road, has returned from eastern points, where he accepted recently purchased rolling stock and equipment, which is now in transit in charge of engineer J. A. Daugherty, formerly with the Santa Fe Gulf line.

The following circular has been issued by the Texas tariff bureau:

"W. A. Butts, president of the above line, advises that they will be open for business March 7, 1910. Mr. McCauley to Norman. They expect to be operating to Roby about May 15, 1910."

Norman is six miles distant from Roby and was named for Harry Norman, a former El Paso newspaper man now assisting city editor of the St. Louis Republic, at the request of Charles W. Rogers, another former El Paso newspaper worker.

At McCauley the Estacado & Gulf connects with the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, and traffic consigned to points on its line takes common point rates. Its application for the opening of traffic has been approved by the Texas railroad commission.

It is believed locally that the Estacado & Gulf will continue its construction westward on an air line into El Paso.

While Roby is the county seat of Fisher county and has been an established town for nearly half a century, not until construction of the Estacado & Gulf railroad westward from McCauley into Roby was begun did its people get the town building fever.